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OREGON WEATHER

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DISTRIBUTING FORFEITED LANDS.

Of paramount interest to the people of southern Oregon, now that congress has decreed the conditions upon which the O. & C. land grant shall be forfeited to the government, is the time of the distribution of the 2,300,000 acres. The various counties in which these lands were located did not fare as generously at the hands of congress as they should have fared, but more essential than the distribution of the surplus over the equity of the railroad company is the getting of the lands into private ownership for improvement and for tax returns. Clay Tallman, commissioner of the general land office, visited Oregon at the time of the Salem conference and investigated the local conditions surrounding the lands, and is now working upon the details for the carrying out of the instructions of congress. In a recent interview, Mr. Tallman said that no time would be lost, so far as the department was concerned, in preliminary work necessary to be done before the agricultural lands are opened to settlement. The agricultural lands will probably be the first distributed, requiring less preliminary work than the timber lands. Mr. Tallman says:

"It is impossible to give an approximate date when the first lands can be opened to settlement. We first have to determine exactly what lands are the lands in which title is re-vested in the government. While descriptions of the lands are given in the bill of complaint and the decree of the district court, and these are no doubt correct as to the great body of the lands, we will have to have accurate maps prepared, showing exactly all the lands unsold, patented and unpatented, to which the government resumes title.

"It is our purpose to have a preliminary map prepared from the information now available, under which the work of classification can proceed while the final descriptions are being worked out. The classification will be started as soon as possible, soon after the first of July, we hope. Plans under consideration call for this work being done by our local forces in Oregon, expanded to meet the requirements."

These agricultural lands are such as are not suitable as power sites, are non-mineral, and bear a timber growth of less than 300,000 feet to the 40-acre sub-division. The language of the act also permits the classification as agricultural of scattered tracts containing more than 300,000 feet. Land with not more than that quantity of timber is conclusively classed as agricultural, if non-mineral and not a power site, but land containing a greater quantity may, in the discretion of the department, be also placed in the agricultural class where it is deemed that location makes it unsuitable for classification as timber land.

Mineral lands are subject to entry at the present time under the general mining laws. There are no strings on immediate entry of the mineral lands except that the mineral land locator does not acquire title to the timber, having the right, however, to use timber necessary to the operation and development of a mine. No other right can be inflated on

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the land at the present time. All except mineral land claimants must await the classification and formal opening by proclamation of the president.

It is expected that the agricultural land will be divided into units, so that portions of the grant may be opened before the classification and other preliminaries are completed as to other units.

AGREEMENT ON HAY RESOLUTION

Washington, June 28.—National guardsmen drafted into Mexican service will neither have their families or dependents financially aided by the government, nor will the men themselves be given the privilege of exemption, under terms of an agreement on the Hay draft resolution reached this afternoon by house and senate conferees.

If the guardsmen or their families do receive any aid, it will be under legislation yet to be introduced and separately considered. The draft resolution itself simply will declare an emergency exists and draft all guardsmen into federal service so they may be used on the Mexican side of the border, if necessary.

Members of both branches of congress who favor aid to the guardsmen's families say they would push this type of legislation. But there will be difficulties in getting it reported from the two military committees and on to the crowded calendar of the two houses.

Friends of the guardsmen admitted this afternoon's action is a severe blow to their hopes. The conferees planned to report their action to both houses at once and it was expected the draft resolution itself would have been approved before congress adjourned for the day.

11TH CAVALRY CLASH WITH MEXICANS DENIED

San Antonio, June 28.—General Funston denied today the press reports of a clash between the 11th cavalry and Carranza troops near Ahumada. He said if wounded Mexicans had been taken to Colonia Dublan he would have received General Pershing's report on it before this. The Mexicans concentrating south of Naco, Ariz., have been bluffed by General Davis' show of strength, Funston says.

The New York militia is expected in Brownsville Friday. They will be used along the border in that district.

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CASEMENT ON THE WITNESS STAND

London, June 28.—Taking the witness box in his own defense in his trial on the charge of treason, Sir Roger Caseiment this afternoon denied that the Irish revolution was in any way inspired in Germany.

Caseiment made a formal statement to the jury. He denied that he had received any money from Germany. "The charge that the Irish revolution was inspired in Germany is untrue," he said. "It was neither made nor directed by Germans."

Sir Roger was presented as a witness after the presiding justices had overruled a motion to quash the indictment against him on technical grounds. He spoke earnestly, but with a slight show of nervousness.

Caseiment denied he asked Irish prisoners in German prison camps to fight with the Turks and Germans. He was not responsible, he said, for the reduction of rations and other punishment inflicted upon Irish soldiers who refused to join the brigades he was organizing, declaring such allegations to be "abominable falsehoods."

His denial that he had ever received German money was most emphatic.

"I wish to refute this slander because often money was offered me in liberal sums and I refused," said Caseiment. "I left Germany poorer than I entered."

In his opening statement, Attorney General Smith had denounced Caseiment for accepting knighthood and a pension at the hands of the government and then playing into the hands of England's enemies.

Caseiment replied that it was not in his power to refuse the offer of knighthood and that he accepted the pension because he had earned it through faithful service. The attorney general had made a vague allusion to his connection with the uprising in Ireland, he said, but had produced no evidence to uphold his statement.

GET AMERICANS OUT OF MEXICO

Washington, June 28.—The government is redoubling its efforts to get Americans out of Mexico before possible trouble begins. Under direction of the state, war and navy departments strongest persuasion is being used on those who insist upon remaining in Mexico "until the last minute." Administration officials today criticized the attitude of these Americans. Reports indicate most are on the western coast of Mexico. By remaining contrary to the advice of President Wilson, it is declared they are subjecting themselves to grave danger.

Orders have been sent by Secretary Daniels to Admiral Winslow to urge those hesitating not to wait. The reason for many Americans refusing to leave is the strong feeling prevailing in many Mexican cities that there will be no break between the United States and Mexico.

Seventy Americans, including 21 detained in Guanajuato, left Mexico City for Vera Cruz in a special car yesterday, according to a message from Consul Rodgers to the state department today. About 700 have left Mexico City and 300 now remain.

HOUSE VOTES \$27,536,000 FOR ARMY AND NAVY

Washington, June 28.—The sum of \$27,536,000 was appropriated today by the house in an urgent deficiency bill to cover army and navy expenditures in connection with the Mexican expedition.

JURY STILL OUT IN LAND FRAUD CASE

San Francisco, June 28.—The children of six men on trial in the Oregon land fraud prosecutions played hide-and-seek around the marble pillars in the corridors of the federal building today while a jury deliberated on whether or not to send their fathers to prison. The jury has been out since 4:15 yesterday afternoon. The men awaiting the verdict are Norman D. Cook, W. A. S. Nicholson and Franklin P. Bull, of San Francisco, and Sydney L. Sperry, W. B. DeGarmo and A. J. Reetz, of Los Angeles. The six defendants, with their wives and children, spent the greater part of the morning in the courtroom and corridors of the federal building.

AMERICAN MARINE KILLED AT SANTO DOMINGO

Washington, June 28.—American marines captured two lines of rebel trenches, 27 kilometers wide, at Monte Christie, Santo Domingo, yesterday, Admiral Caperton informed the navy department today. The marines stormed the trenches after artillery preparation. The engagement lasted an hour.

Private John Acrlmont, 27th company, was killed and Private Albert Vieldeum was wounded in the upper left arm.

CORNEB BEEF AND BACON FOR BORDER TROOPS

Chicago, June 28.—Corned beef and bacon will be the steady diet of the U. S. soldiers at the border, if orders placed here by the quartermaster's department of the army are a criterion. So far one million pounds of bacon and half a million pounds of corned beef have been ordered from local packing firms for the government for emergency delivery.

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MEXICANS RAID ANOTHER RANCH ON THE BORDER

San Diego, June 28.—A raid by Mexicans on a ranch in Marron valley in the mountains near Tecate, this county, is reported today by Lieutenant-Colonel Herbert Fay, who has just returned from an inspection trip along the border between Tia Juana and Jacumba. The raiders looted the ranch house and drove stock across the line. Fay says the information was given by an employee of the city water department residing in that district.

The name of the ranchman whose place has been attacked could not be learned today, there being no telephone to that point. The home of F. Lining, who has a ranch in Marron valley, however, has been robbed on several occasions by Mexicans, who made flying expeditions to that place from a rendezvous below the international boundary.

Ranchmen in neighboring sections have made every arrangement for a siege should the Mexicans again cross the line.

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